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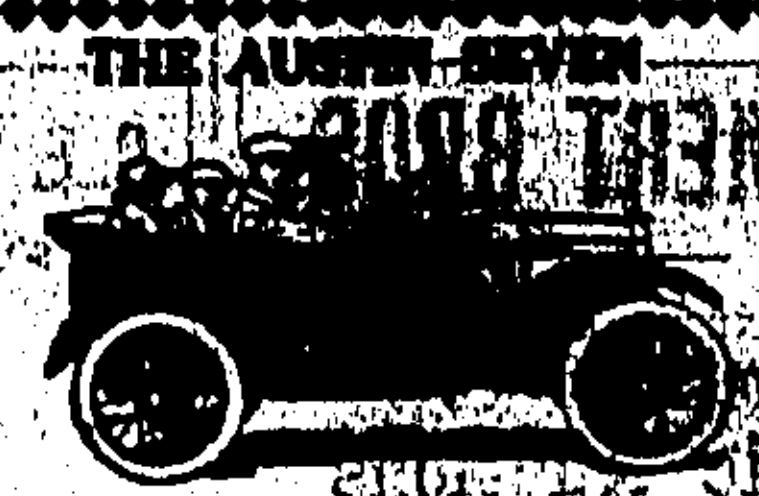
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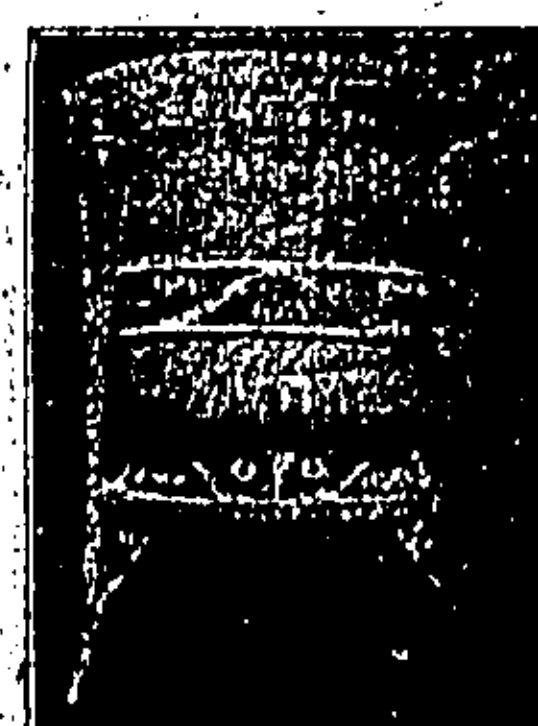
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ANGLO-TURKISH DISPUTE

TWO RAIDS ON IRAQ.

BRITISH AEROPLANES REPEL Foe.

(Reuter's Service.)

MOSUL, September 25.
A serious situation has arisen in connection with the Anglo-Turkish dispute as regards the sovereignty of Mosul vilayet in Mesopotamia.
This is one of the questions on which amicable settlement was not reached at the time of the signature of the Treaty of Lausanne. It was reserved for subsequent negotiation, with the provision of ultimate reference to the League of Nations if necessary.

The Turkish Government, despite the application of this provision, last week presented a Note to Britain, complaining of alleged British troop movements on the Turco-Iraq frontier.

SENSATION AT GENEVA.

A message from Geneva shows that Lord Parmoor (President of the Council) created a sensation to-day by reading the British reply to the Turkish Note, in which a strong protest was registered against the invasion by armed bodies inside the area administered by the British also within the old administrative boundary of the Mosul vilayet. Bodies left behind showed the invaders included Turkish regulars and evidence is available of the Turkish disregard of the *status quo* at the time of the signature of the Lausanne Treaty.

It is said Iraq police and local levies were forced to retire, as recently as September 22 to Amadia.

SOLEMN PROTEST TO LEAGUE.

Lord Parmoor said the retirement was accompanied by the flight en masse of Assyrian Christians and large numbers of Iraq tribesmen.

Lord Parmoor emphasised the Government's solemn protest before the League at the intentional flagrant violation of the Treaty. Meanwhile, he stated, the British authorities at Iraq had been authorized to take all necessary action to prevent invasion and the infiltration of Turkish forces of a nature to entail serious unrest and bloodshed.

Fethi Bey (Turkey), who followed Lord Parmoor, disputed the British view as regards the frontier, declaring it was assumed that the fate of Mosul had already been decided in favour of Britain, which Turkey disputed.

TWO TURKISH RAIDS.

LONDON, September 24.
With reference to the Mosul situation, it is officially learned in London that there have been two Turkish raids on Iraq; one last week, and one on September 22.

British aeroplanes participated in repelling the invaders.

THE POLITICAL POSITION.

Note: Iraq was conquered by Indian and British troops during the Great War. The town of Basra was occupied on November 22, 1914, and Baghdad on March 11, 1917. In the Peace Treaty of Sevres, 1920 (which was not ratified), Iraq was recognised as an independent State, to be placed under a Mandatory Power, and the Supreme Council allotted the mandate to Great Britain. Under the draft treaty of Lausanne, 1923, the boundary between Iraq and Turkey is to be adjudged by the League of Nations.

On October 11, 1922, the British Government entered into treaty relations with the government of Iraq. The treaty is to remain in force for 20 years. The British Government undertakes to secure a speedy delimitation of the frontiers of Iraq, in order that Iraq may be in a position, when the treaty and the subsidiary agreements have been

DUTCH TROOPS.

"SOME GOOD-NATURED INDISCIPLINE."

NO QUESTION OF MUTINY.

NECESSARY STEPS TAKEN.

(Reuter's Service.)

AMSTERDAM, September 25.
Later news from Camp Edo shows that, although there was no question of a mutiny proper there has been some indiscipline of a seemingly good-natured character.

For example, when an officer ordered some soldiers drinking in a public house to return to camp, they invited him to drink. This he did, in order to prevent disorder. The movement seems to have been instigated by ringleaders who terrorised the soldiers. It is believed 500 cartridges, which disappeared from the "shooting grounds," are in the hands of the ringleaders.

The discipline of the artillery is good. The authorities have taken measures to prevent further disturbances.

RUGBY.

VICTORY AND DEFEAT.

(Reuter's Service.)

CAPE TOWN, September 25.
The British Rugby team, touring South Africa, defeated the Western Province by 8 points to 6 to-day. This is the last match of the tour.

"ALL BLACKS" WIN.

GLoucester, September 25.
The "All Blacks," the New Zealand Rugby XV, defeated Gloucestershire County team to-day. The score was 6 points to nil in favour of the visitors.

BELGIUM AND CHINA.

NEW MINISTER APPOINTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

BRUSSELS, September 25.
M. Lemaire de Warzee, Counsellor of the Belgian Legation at Peking, has been appointed Minister for Belgium to China.

He succeeds M. Robert Evers, who has been appointed Minister to Berlin.

ANGLO-GERMAN TREATY.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE RESUMED.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, September 25.
The German Ministry of Trade resumed negotiations with Mr. Henry Fountain, principal assistant secretary of the British Board of Trade, but the position is unchanged.

Mr. Fountain leaves for England to-morrow.

duly ratified and the organic law has been brought into effect, to apply for admission to membership of the League of Nations. To secure the admission of Iraq to the League, the British Government, will use its good offices. In all important matters affecting the international and financial obligations and interests of the British Government, the King of Iraq agrees to be guided by the advice of the British High Commissioner.

It has been officially stated that the admission of Iraq to the League of Nations would put an end to the British Mandate.

SCOUTS' JAMBOREE.

BOYS AT WEMBLEY.

HISTORICAL EPISODE.

London, August 5.—A great audience appears small perhaps in the vastness of the Stadium arena, which yesterday had lost some of its freshness and showed a few spots that suggested puddles. Still, if there appeared, here and there, indications of vacancy, one had the consciousness of a great gathering. Whatever the conditions, they do not affect Scouts, who scoff at weather and all other circumstances, and sturdily live up to the promises they have made on joining. Yesterday, at the Empire Exhibition, they performed their allotted tasks with precision, lustiness of cheering, and a full consciousness of everything that is expected of a true, loyal, and devoted brotherhood of youth. It was all splendid and inspiring, and it told the story of the Empire and its development.

Scouts are dead "on time," and so, to the stroke, the "grand entry" began. Before you swept with easy and regular movements, representatives of the Dominions and the Colonies of all that makes our Empire. Somehow Kenya seemed to receive a large share of cheers that were given almost without intermission, but Kenya has been passing through her trials. And so the Empire moved along in growing strength. There came bands of brass and of reeds, and the British flag was guarded by

miniature bluejackets. Our little part of the world was safe as these youngsters, who represented our Empire, swung round and rallied to the emblem. The Stadium was encircled by browns and greys and blues and all our flags. There was a swift move to the centre, "God Save the King" was sung as only young voices can sing it, and three loyal cheers were given, sincere and ringing. It was a rally of voices that will change with the years, but while the note may alter the spirit of a Scout remains the same.

Then these youngsters scampered away, back to position, and in a second the arena was clear, after shrieks and calls and greetings that are unknown to those who have the ill-fortune to be moving towards middle age. The scene changed, and there followed an episode that made the youthful heart stir, and other hearts were transported back to the period of Fenimore Cooper. It was a Canadian historical episode by Harrow County School and Ealing Association. "Everything was there—Red Indians, wigwams, dances, scouts of the old days, and a couple of white adventurers, who are supposed to be associated with the creation of the Hudson Bay Company. There is little need of scenery, the movement is so much steady and stouter strategy, with the aid of noises that are not phonetically reproducible. To those who have not forgotten the stories of their youth the scenario is complete. After the war dance, an ambush and capture, and amid much smoke from the fires the two "whites" are received into the brotherhood after the pipe of peace has been

interchanged and smoked. The cheering that followed was astounding to the ears of the older folk, who never try to grow young. There were thousands who turned back the pages of life and felt for the moment as young as they did forty or fifty years ago—the ambush, the shots, the wounded, and the outposts stirred old memories, and all, as it ever should, ended happily.

There followed handball by the 4th St. Albans Troop, hurley (not a recently created name) by Irish Free State Scouts, a tug of war, bridge-building by the 1st City of Westminster Troop, lariat throwing, fancy rope and skipping rope by Hastings and District, and an exhibition by Hartlepool and District of the Kirby Wolyard sword dance. There were also tumbling and other gymnastics by the Carrs-lane, 12th Gateshead, Nottingham Y.M.C.A., and 1st Herringington Troops. And the whole concluded with that glorious display of massed Highland dancing by the Scottish contingent, an invigorating spectacle of swift, rhythmic movement which aroused great enthusiasm.

Prince Arthur of Connaught will attend the "Jamboree" to-day, and the Duke of York to-morrow. It may be mentioned that there are 20,000 stalling seats for each performance, and 9,000 standing places at 6d.

Mr. Robert Price, who was buried at Brockton Baptist Cemetery, Worthen, Shropshire, made all his funeral arrangements last year, constructing and putting up his own tombstone.

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Hongkong, 24th Sept., 1924.**PAPYRUS.****HISTORY OF WRITING
MATERIALS.**The introduction of Papyrus by
the Egyptians gave a great uplift
to letter-writers and to literature
generally. It is, as the Germans
would say, the "name-father" to
paper, and a very respectable and
worthy elder too.Bark had been used for tablets,
and for writing letters which were
capable of being folded up, during
the best period of the Roman
world, and such were still in use
under the later emperors. The
tablets were of bark on which the
Emperor Commodus inscribed his
little list of victims, the discovery
of which led to his own victimiza-
tion.**ORIGIN OF "BOOKS."**It was a simple thing, the
Egyptian idea of papyrus; the im-
provement on the use of tree-bark
being the use of peellings from a
reed instead. This reed was called
Hyblus or Papyrus, then very com-
mon and now very rare in Lower
Egypt. From its name, Hyblus,
comes the Greek word meaning
Book, and thus our own word for
the Scriptures.This papyrus grew abundantly in
lakes and marshes, to a height of
about ten feet; the diameter of its
stem was two or three inches, and
from its surface peel could be
taken off, layer after layer, to the
number of some twenty coatings.
The use of this peel occurred to the
Egyptians as an improvement upon
ordinary bark and the new writing
material soon became popular.It could be written upon one
side only; but books were copied
into long rolls, of sheet glued
under sheet, the sheet which felt
the first glue being called on that
account the protocol, a term still
preserved by diplomats.**SCARCITY IN EGYPT.**The run on papyrus being very
great, that plant began to show
signs of scarcity in Egypt, and for
that reason, among others, its
exportation was at one time for-
bidden. At the same time, the Kings
of Pergamus became a literary
sect, and wanted something
whereon their scribes could write
their books. So the skins of the
beasts, occasionally used in some
places already, began to attract
increased attention; they were
prepared into dry substances, and
called, after Pergamus, "perga-
ment" or parchment, and vellum,
meaning skin, of course.This parchment was dear, how-
ever, and for common purposes
papyrus was so much more con-
venient that this Egyptian paper
never really was supplanted; until
the birth of a system which got
paper out of cotton, about seven or
eight hundred years after the dis-
covery of parchment.The world then worked on for a
thousand years, before we hit on
the plan of making the modern
paper out of linen rags; a very
lucky thing, or up to that time the
monks who could not go to the
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always in progress around the
earth's surface, said Dr. Appleton
recently at the Royal Institution.
Some doubt has been expressed
as to whether atmospheric dis-
charges of electricity due to
thunderstorms could really be the
cause of all the stray currents which
interfere so much with wireless,
but with a continual thunderstorm
in various parts of the earth, Dr.
Appleton argues that such is the
case. Atmospheric discharges last
only a thousandth of a second, but
are often ten thousand times as
powerful as a wireless signal.**A Defence of Rain**Are you disgruntled by the
weather? asks a "Star" writer.
You may find solace in reading
Meredith's philosophy, and sweet
rain" and welcome water-suits
play a great part in the lives of
his men and women. Every
reader of the "Egoist" will
remember, Vernon's delight in
the drenching rain, and the
injunction, very appropriate just
now—"The taking of rain and
sun alike befits man of our
climate, and he who would have
the secret of a strengthening
intoxication must court the clouds
of the south-west with a lover's
blood."**Workhouse Do Luxe**Those cynics who protest that
the advent of women into public
life is bound, sooner or later, to
lead to trouble will find ardent
supporters in the inmates of
Omagh Workhouse. The men in
this institution, the most popular
workhouse in Ireland, and prob-
ably in the world, are allowed
three glasses of whisky a day as a
ration. They have enjoyed this
grateful and comforting refresh-
ment from time immemorial, but
recently certain women members
of the board of guardians have pro-
tested that it is too luxurious.
Happily, their male colleagues
have remained firm to their prin-
ciples—may, more, they are now
arranging to give inmates after-
noon tea. So peace has been re-
stored to Omagh Workhouse, only
broken by the occasional plaintive
question: "But why tea?"If you are a woman, it always
gives you a thrill to find you are
rubbing shoulders with some man
or woman who matters. Till quite
recently, Queen Alexandra used to
pay regular visits to Blacking
Hall, an old historical mansion
now very far from Cromer and
Sedburgh. Many excursions
used to be taken in the hope of
seeing the Queen. In such an
interesting setting, and in such anunconventional way. Then there
is a bungalow on the marshland
at Rye that used to house Dame
Clara Butt, while in the little
village of Winchelsea, not many
miles away, was Ellen Terry,
whose lavender gowns and huge
lace ruffles were quite a feature
of the village. Gladys Cooper used
to have a house at Frinton, while
Sybil Thorndike, her husband and
children, can often be seen
enjoying the simple life along the
Sussex shores.**Ants Work for Men.**Most people regard ants as a
nuisance, especially in a garden or
at a picnic, but the natives of
Burma have found a use for them.
This country grows and exports
sandal-wood, one of the most
valuable and beautiful timbers in
the world. The greater part of
every tree felled is useless; how-
ever, for only the fragrant scented
heart has any commercial value,
and to transport the whole log
would make even that not worth
the cost of removal. So the trees,
after being stripped of their
branches, are allowed to lie where
they have fallen. The soft, sappy
wood, which is useless in com-
merce, attracts the billions of ants
who infest the forest, and to whom
it is a tit-bit. In helping them-
selves they leave the hard heart of
the trunk stripped of all its worth-
less integument, and thus do for
nothing the work of many human
labourers.**Noise And Nuisance.**Tests and experiments are
being made to make motor-cycles
more silent. It is curious to
observe what noises are accepted
without a murmur, and what are
regarded as an affront. To many,
the noise of empty milk containers
is intolerable, and yet no one has
apparently so far thought of
putting rubber on the lower ends
so that they can be rolled about
silently. As to motor-cycles and
their open exhausts, it is true
that there should be a limit to the
amount of explosive noise, but at
the same time a silent motor-cycle
would be a far greater danger to
the public and to its rider. The
noise of the "exhaust" lets you
know, at any rate, that the speed
"mechanism" is coming and that you
had better clear out of the way.**Fashion Whispers.**Already we hear whispers of the
new fashions for autumn and
winter, though none of the dress
shows are due for some time to
come. Here are some hints I have
gathered (writes Gadabout) in
the "Daily Chronicle." It is a
soft cashmere cloth, will be much
used for house frocks and autumn
suits. For evening gowns there
are new brocades, very gorgeous
in colouring and very subtle, and
a new velvet, which gives a new
as though it were illuminated.
The colour most worn will be blue,
even, navy, and the colour, the
newest shade of brown and beige.**MOTORING DANGERS.****JUST THIS ONCE.**Lieut.-Col. A. E. Law, the Chief
Constable of Hertfordshire, a
county through which a great deal
of motor traffic goes northward
from London, told a pressman
that a great number of motoring
accidents are caused by ex-
perienced drivers who think they
can take an extra risk "just this
once.""Besides this," said the Chief
Constable, "there is the man who
is learning or has just learned to
drive. Recently a case was
brought to my notice where a man
who had had only five lessons
from a garage proprietor, and
had been given a certificate
to say he was safe, on
the road, came round a corner
and could not stop. He mounted
the pavement, knocked down
and killed a man and wrecked
the car. He should not have been
allowed to go on the road, but the
law cannot stop him."Colonel Law stated that the laws
governing charges and convictions
against motorists need amend-
ment. While motorists may
cause many accidents, he said,
cyclists and pedestrians often
bring their misfortunes on them-
selves."By my house there is a bend
in the road and I often see cyclists
come round at fully 25 miles an
hour, a speed, much too fast even
for motorists at this point.
If every road user makes a
determined effort to take all
precaution and always allows for
the other man making a mistake,
then our accidents will soon de-
crease."**LIFE-SAVING REFUGES.**The annual report of the Chief
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1924.

WAR IN CHINA.

TROOP ACTIVITY IN NORTH.

CHANG'S MONGOL TROOPS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Mukden, September 26.
The Fifth Army, under General Wu, is advancing south-west from Kailu, the objective being Chifenghsien and Chienping.
The Second Army, under General Li Ching-lin, is advancing south-west, the objective being Kien-changhsien, the final objective of the combined armies being Jehol.
General Feng is reported to be moving towards Hongfengkow, but more probably towards Kupehow, which is on the old line of the proposed railway.
Japanese local newspapers report that Mongolia is sending a force to Chang Tso-lin's aid.

Bombs Barred.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, September 25.
After a meeting of the Diplomatic Body, not including Mr. Karakhan, the following memorandum was sent to the Wai-chiao-pu and Chang Tso-lin this afternoon by Herr Oudendijk:
"The outbreak of hostilities in China makes it probable that the commanders of the various military forces will make extensive use of aircraft in the conduct of their campaigns. The heads of the Legations in Peking, although resolved not to interfere in anywise in this regrettable conflict, nevertheless deem it necessary to point out to Your Excellency that they view with the gravest concern the use of this weapon against other objectives than the military forces in the field, fortified places, or naval units."

Wanton Destruction.
"Dropping bombs from aeroplanes on undefended towns is not only an act of wanton destruction but a crime against the peaceful population. It is a well-known fact that accuracy in dropping bombs is practically unattainable and that any attempt to hit a given building must inevitably involve the greatest risk for all buildings and residents in the immediate neighbourhood of the objective."

"In the city of Peking not only are there situated the Legations of the friendly Powers, but its walls enclose numerous palaces, temples and other historical buildings, which are rightly considered monuments of great value in the history of the civilization of mankind."

Neutrals Endangered.
"Dropping bombs from aeroplanes on towns and villages can have no possible military value but only cause untold misery and suffering to numbers of inoffensive non-combatants, and cause the destruction of priceless monuments. Moreover, the lives and properties of foreign nationals, who are taking no part whatsoever in the actual conflict and who intend to maintain an absolutely neutral attitude in this domestic quarrel, will be put in grave and constant danger."

"For these reasons the heads of the Legations feel it their duty to make this appeal to Your Excellency and while giving expression to their satisfaction that the intention was made known to afford full protection to the lives and properties of foreigners, they trust that no air attacks will be made endangering the lives of their nationals."

Should, however, foreign lives be lost or property destroyed as a result of such attack by aeroplanes on the capital or on any treaty port, they would feel obliged to hold the authority who ordered the attack strictly responsible therefor.

Lansien Bombarded.

Tientsin, September 26.
Lansien was bombarded by Chang Tso-lin yesterday. An attempt to blow up the Lan River bridge failed. Shanhaikuan experienced its usual daily bombing, fifty pound missiles being used.

A COWARDLY THEFT.

CULPRIT RECEIVES HIS DESEPTS.

ROBBING A CHILD.

A sentence of six months' hard labour and one dozen strokes with the birch, was the sentence given by Mr. R. E. Lindsell to a Chinese convicted of theft of \$5 from a Chinese girl aged about eight years who had been sent on an errand to change a \$5 bill.

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FOOTBALL.

SOCCER SEASON OPENS TO-MORROW.

IN AID OF CHARITY.

[By "Dutchie."]

To-morrow will see the actual opening of the football season. Although officially it does not start before October 4, the Association have given permission for a Charity game to be played on the Club ground, when the South China Athletic will field a team against the Club, the proceeds from which will be handed over to the Tung Wah Hospital Authorities to be devoted to flood relief work.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall has kindly consented to "start the ball rolling."

The Club will play the same team that defeated the Police last Saturday, whilst the Chinese will rely on the team that won the League last season.

Apart from the good game these two teams are certain to put up, the public are sure to give their wholehearted support in view of the worthy object this game is in aid of.

The kick-off will be at 5 p.m. sharp, prices of admission are \$1 and 50 cents. Extra Happy Valley tram-cars will run from the Post Office starting about 3 p.m., there will also be extra cars from Happy Valley at the close of the game.

Mr. F. R. Smith, who comes to the Colony with Army and Hampshire experience as a Referee, will, I am told, make his debut here to-morrow in charge of this game.

The teams follow:—

South China: Lau Hing-cheung;

Lai Yuk-tat and Chan So; Lam

Yuk-ying, Leung Yuk-tong and

Wong Sui-wa; Pang Kam-wing,

Tsui Ping-fan, Wong Pak-chung,

Li Wai-tong and Chan Kwong-in.

Club: Rodger, Gerrard (capt.),

and Bishop; Mair, J. Stewart and

Hill; W. Stewart, Forsyth,

Howard, Evelyn and Key.

Reserve: Buxton.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The following will represent the Queen's College Past Pupils in a football match against the Masters and Pupils of Queen's College at the College Ground at Causeway Bay, on Saturday, the 27th inst.:

Y. Huchima; Lo Fung-cheung;

A. G. Mahomed; S. A. Ismail;

Y. M. Adal; Y. A. Mahab; Lai

Siu-lun, Ip Kau, F. Ali Moosdeen,

A. A. Rumjahn, J. S. A. Curroem,

Reserves: S. Ohtsuka and A. Butt.

A CURIOUS CASE.

SQUABBLE ENDS IN CHARGE OF THREATENING.

THE ETERNAL WOMAN.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, three Chinese shop-coolies were charged with (1) feloniously demanding \$20 from a woman named Cheng Sze-ku, with intent to steal the same at No. 45, Lower Sha Po Village, Kowloon City, on September 24, (2) unlawfully assaulting the complainant. All defendants pleaded not guilty.

Complainant stated that first defendant used to live with her. He had turned her out. The other two defendants to her house in Sha Po Village. He demanded \$20. The other two defendants said "Your husband has spent money on you—he is still alive—you ought to go back to him." She said she had no money to repay the money which first defendant asked. First defendant then said "What about the bangles?" She replied that she had not got any. First defendant then struck her. The second defendant incited him to do so as she would not hand over the money asked.

Ip Yat, principal tenant, deposed that the first defendant went to last witness and demanded money from her. Witness heard accused ask for money and complainant said that she had none. Then defendant said "What about the bangles?" Complainant answered that she would pawn them. A fight ensued and first defendant hit complainant. The second and third defendants took no part. Witness never heard the last two defendants say anything. The first defendant said that is more or less what happened. He did not mean to hit her in the eye. The other two defendants were his friends.

Fines Imposed.

A fine of \$25 or one month's hard labour in default was imposed on first defendant, and \$10 or two weeks' hard labour on second defendant. The third defendant was cautioned and bailed over to keep the peace in a personal bond of \$50 for six months.

CRICKET NOTES.

FORM OF INTERPORT POSSIBLE.

SEASON STARTS TO-MORROW.

Since the appearance of last week's notes I have been informed that Lieut. Armstrong of the Surrey's is not here. My suggestion of his inclusion in the interport team therefore falls through. Still I think that if he was available he would certainly be chosen for his batting and his fielding at cover-point. G. R. Sayer's absence still leaves the position open and the next best suggestion that has been made is that A. C. I. Bowker be chosen to open the Hongkong attack are rosy, probably A. A. Rumjahn will use up some of his surplus energy in that position. Rumjahn's ability in the field is known even in Shanghai.

I must admit that last week the name of H. N. Balhatchet, the "Varsity" all-rounder, entirely escaped my notice. In the season before last, when the University became league champions, he was very effective but became a trifle stale in the Spring. He went to Shanghai as twelfth man but was not chosen to play. During the last season, his batting improved, but at considerable expense to his bowling.

On Wednesday he was down at the H.K.C.C. nets where he was knocked about a good deal by Dick Hancock who seemed to be in excellent form with the bat. Balhatchet did not appear to possess the immaculate length he had at one time; but, at times, he had "come with his arm" as of ball "came with his arm" as of yore. As he has also become a wicket-keeper he may be selected for his batting and bowling and for his reserve wicket-keeper although Tam Pearce has done good work behind the sticks on and off and may be called upon to don the gloves if an accident befalls the stumper.

Q.M.S. Jacob was bowling very well on Wednesday even the fiery Colonel Robertson being restrained. Another performer with the ball, who showed up well, was Captain Walker, R.A.M.C. but when batting, he did not seem to be quite at home to one of the ground bowlers who was rising to a rather alarming height.

To-morrow, cricket enthusiasts will have an opportunity of seeing Finnie, the new wicket-keeper, in action. Mr. Mitchell's team to visit Causeway Bay, includes considerable talent, all the names being well-known to Hongkong cricketers with the possible exceptions of W. J. Hope, H. M. Howell, G. R. Vallack and C. S. Fitzroy Lloyd. Hope, I am told, played for the H.K.C.C. in league cricket one or two seasons ago and the others are all useful men, with some good bowling between them. —W.P.C.

TEST CRICKET.

ENGLISH TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA.

SEVENTEEN ARE CHOSEN.

Appropos of England's team to do duty "down under" and the inclusion of Hobbs after it had been announced that he would not be included in the M.C.C. tour but might travel with Mr. S. Joel in South Africa, the following from a Home paper makes interesting reading:

The complete team numbers seventeen, the strongest side numerically sent out to battle for the Motherland. They are:—A. E. R. Gilligan (captain, Sussex), J. W. H. T. Douglas (Essex), J. L. Bryau (Kent), A. P. F. Chapman (Berkshire), Hobbs (Surrey), Woolley (Kent), Sandham (Surrey), R. Tyldesley (Lancashire), Tate (Sussex), Hendren (Middlesex), Sutcliffe (Yorkshire), A. P. Freeman (Kent), R. Kilner (Yorkshire), Hearn (Middlesex), Strudwick (Surrey), Howell (Warwick) and Whysall (Notts.).

There was so much disappointment in Australia when it was first stated that Hobbs could not see his way to make the trip that a number of Australian enthusiasts offered to defray the expenses of Mrs. Hobbs so that she could accompany her husband.

The introduction of Howell, Warwickshire's fast bowler, will also be welcome as it is the general belief that it would be unfair to accept A. E. R. Gilligan to be responsible for the major portion of the fast bowling required on the hard Australian wickets. The inclusion of Whysall, of Notts., as deputy wicket-keeper to Strudwick will undoubtedly come as a big surprise to many, as he is noted as a batsman and not as a stumper.

COMPANY MEETING.

PEOPLE'S SAVING CORP. TO WIND UP.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

At a meeting in China Buildings yesterday of the People's Savings Corporation Ltd., Hongkong, the directors decided to wind up voluntarily the business of the Company.

The "China Mail" was informed by Mr. Kong E Suen, one of the directors, that the Company had been established for over three years and had advanced money against satisfactory securities. It had been the original intention to launch out later into a large bank, but the present decision was made owing to the stagnation of trade. The directors considered that the time was inopportune for such developments and they were influenced in their decision by the manager, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, who has signified his desire on several occasions to resign his position owing to pressure of public duties, and has expressed himself unwilling to undertake the management of the directors' decision on expansion.

All the share and debenture capital will be returned in full together with interest of 8 per cent per annum on the shares and 7 per cent per annum on the debentures. It is also anticipated that there will be a surplus for division among the shareholders and debenture holders.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

SOLICITORS' CLERKS AGAIN IN COURT.

BAIL FURTHER REDUCED.

The case in which Lo Shu-fan, and Cheung Pui-chun, alias Kent, the two solicitor's clerks, who are charged with forgery and conspiracy, came before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the prosecution, and applied for another week's remand to enable him to prepare the case as it was a very complicated one.

Mr. Davidson represented the two defendants and asked for a reduction of bail to \$100 each, but the Magistrate did not agree though he granted bail in the sum of \$500 each in bonds with one security.

The case was adjourned until Friday, next at 10 a.m.

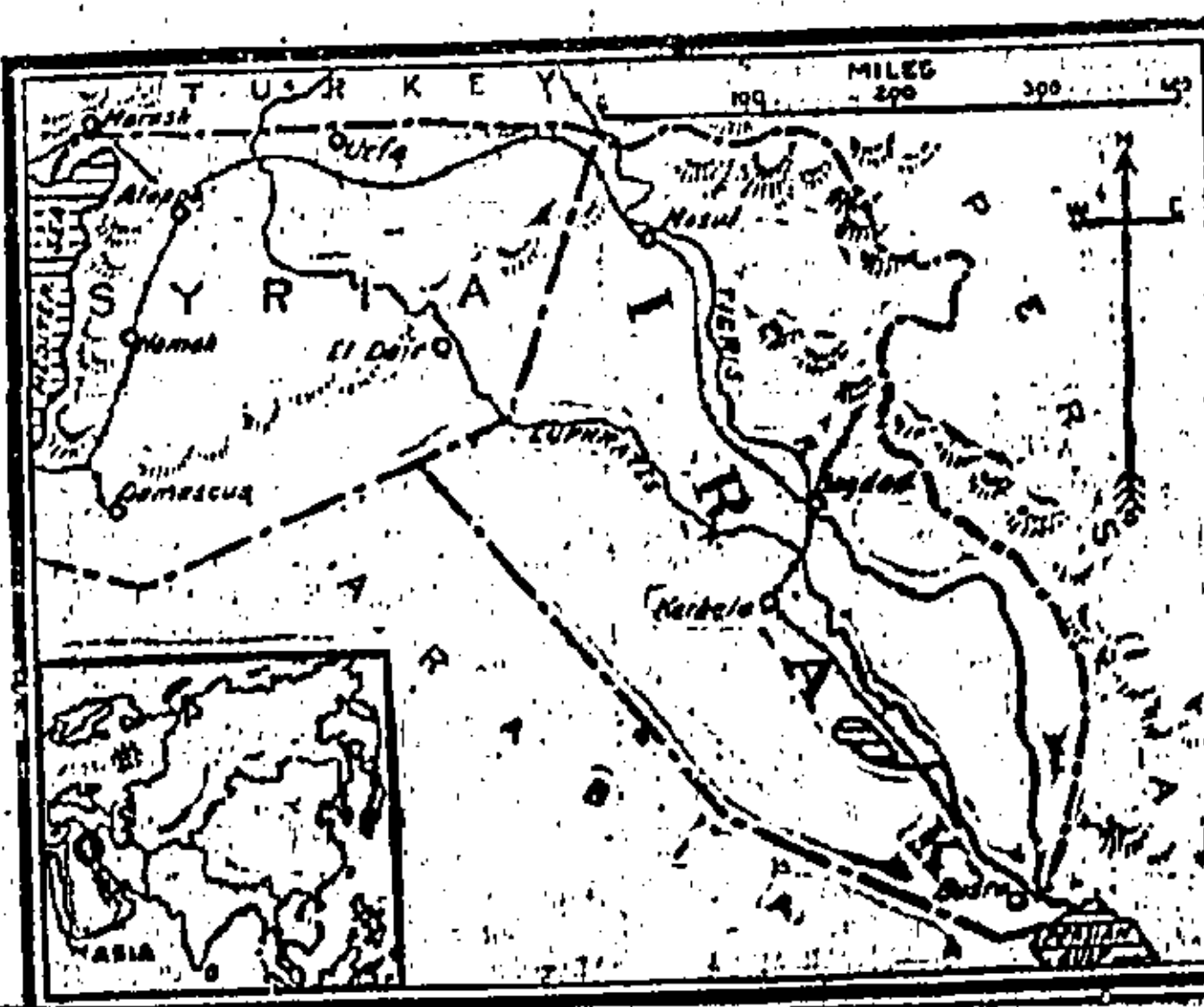
Stating that the practice encouraged the boys to become beggars and loafers, Brighton magistrates said that they have instructed the police to stop visitors from throwing coins from the promenade to the beach among the boys for a scramble.

SHANGHAI WAR ZONE.



A countryside war scene outside Shanghai. Chekiang troops on guard at a billet.

IN THE CABLES.



IRAQ CRISIS LOOMS—Negotiations over Mosul seem to have broken down, through the refusal of the inhabitants of Iraq, a British mandate, to ratify a treaty with Great Britain. Iraq apparently wants independence and is likely to appeal to the League of Nations for relief.

MAJOR ZANNI.

MAY LEAVE HERE TO-MORROW.

OUTLOOK IS BRIGHTER.

Major Pedro L. Zanni hopes—and he is more confident this time—to leave for Foochow to-morrow morning. The round-the-world flier has received another cable from the Argentinian Consul in Shanghai, and understands that the prospects of obtaining definite permission from the local Chinese authorities to land at Shanghai, have improved considerably.

His mechanic, Felipe Beltrame, was escorted round the town yesterday (it being the anniversary of Confucius) by Mr. S. Bernstein of the Mexican Consulate. As there is no Consul for the Argentinian in Hongkong, Major Zanni has been the guest of the Mexican Consulate at No. 34, Humphrey's Building, Kowloon. The major has not been about much, resting after a slight indisposition, but this morning he was confident that unless unforeseen difficulties arose he would make the next "hop," to Foochow to-morrow and then go to Shanghai where he would formulate plans for the rest of his world flight.

NEW SOLICITORS.

TWO MORE ADMITTED TO-DAY.

Two new solicitors, both of the firm of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, were admitted to practice in Hongkong this morning in the Supreme Court, on the proposition of the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C.

In moving the admission of Mr. Graeme Sisson Hugh-Jones, Mr. Alabaster said that he was 24 years of age, had been educated at the Royal Naval College, Osborne and Dartmouth, and now held the rank of Lieut. retired, having left the Navy in April, 1920. He passed his final examination in 1923 and was admitted as a solicitor in London in February of this year.

His Lordship, in admitting Mr. Hugh-Jones, expressed the hope that his career would be a satisfaction to himself and that he would prosper in his work in the Colony.

Mr. Alabaster in moving the admission of Mr. Geoffrey Bruce Hett, said that he was 25 years of age and had been educated at Matlock and Oxford. In 1917 he joined the R.A.F. and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He passed his final examination in March of this year and was admitted in June last.

His Lordship in admitting Mr. Hett said that he had his best wishes for a successful career.

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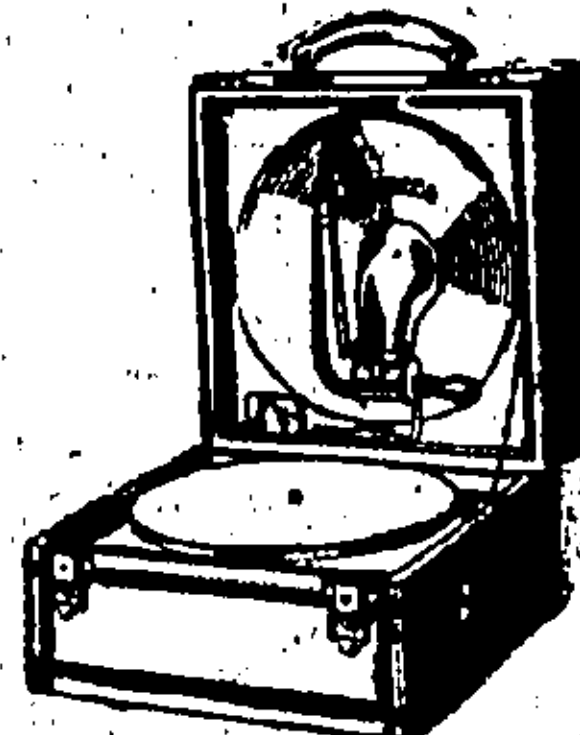
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"PESHAWAR"	7,934	11th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOOREA"	10,911	14th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SIOLIA"	6,813	18th Oct.	Singapore, Penang, Ceylon & B'bay
"KASHGAR"	8,840	1st Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"KASHMIR"	8,968	27th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"KASHGAR"	8,840	1st Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	15th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	6,813	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARNATAKA"	9,928	1st Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MAHARAJA"	10,928	15th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUDAN"	6,896	24th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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"TAIRIA"	6,800	3rd Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKALA"	6,800	27th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,000	11th Nov.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TILAWA"	10,000	25th Nov.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ARAFURA"	6,000	1st Oct.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
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"KASHGAR"	8,840	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	15th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	6,813	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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ALLEGED ROBBERY.

WOMAN VICTIM ON HIGHWAY.

TWO MEN CHARGED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, a case of alleged highway robbery was heard by Mr. E. W. Hamilton. The names of three men appeared in the charge sheet, but as the Police offered no evidence against one of them, he was discharged.

Opening the case for the prosecution, Inspector T. Murphy said that the victim in the case was a woman who, with her two children, had only recently arrived in the Colony from Hongkong, where she was born. She came to Hongkong with her husband with the intention of leaving the children here to be educated and then return to Hongkong again. They stayed at No. 1, Tai Nam Street, Shamshuipo. The woman was in the habit of carrying her money and valuables in a canvas belt around her waist.

On the 15th inst. she left her home with her two children, who were suffering from skin disease, and was taking them to Kip Shek-mi at about 10 o'clock in the morning. When they had reached a spot not far from the neighbourhood where an Indian constable shot a Chinese recently, who took the two children up a valley about half a mile from the road to bathe them in a small stream. When she arrived at the water, she found that a number of coolies had gone there for the same purpose. The men later left and when she herself was in the act of leaving three came up to her. Among them was the first defendant, who was identified as one of the men who produced a dagger. The second defendant was not identified either by the woman herself or by any of the other witnesses. One of the robbers produced a piece of string and tied her hands behind her back with the other end of the cord fastened to a tree. Two of the men produced daggers while the third kept guard over the two children. The two men removed her girdle and then disappeared up the hill side.

After the other robber had followed his colleagues, the woman was released by her children. She went home and nothing happened till the following night. The husband, who had left the house and gone to Hongkong on the same evening as the robbery, returned the next day and the woman made a report to him. On the 13th the police received certain information from a man who was charged in connection with the robbery but discharged at a previous hearing. This man made a statement and produced a jacket and one of the robes stolen. Acting on the information of the accomplice, the police raided an unnumbered house near the Tai Po Road. On entering the house the police found both the defendants there. The second defendant was found lying on a bed behind the front door. When the detective went in the man is alleged to have put his hands into one of his pockets and taken out seven hundred rupees notes and put them on the bed. These, the detective seized. The chief tenant of the house would say that the second defendant was the only person who slept on the bed. The first defendant was found in the back of the house, and was arrested. Together with the defendants about ten others were taken into custody but had since been released.

On the afternoon of the 13th the police, acting on information furnished by the accomplice, tried to locate the woman who was victimised, but without success. Every endeavour was made and they went as far as to post notices to the effect that a robbery had been committed and the police were searching for the complainant. It was not till the morning of the 15th, when the husband went out to consult a friend as to what steps he should take—he himself being a stranger and not knowing the customs of the Colony—that he saw one of the notices, and acting on this he went to the police.

The woman later gave the police a list of the articles she had lost and produced a letter which bore a chop identical to that on the rupees notes.

At the identification parade one of the boys even picked out the informer as having taken part in the robbery.

Evidence was then called.

The informer said that he was present at the robbery and saw everything that took place. Witnesses gave a rupee and a jacket to a Chinese detective. Another man, Tang Fat, gave the jacket to him. He paid 40 cents to a certain man for the rupees. The first defendant took an active part in the robbery, but the second defendant only appeared to be watching. Witness took no part in the robbery.

After further evidence, the case was adjourned.

PROHIBITION.

LAW SUIT IN U.S. COURT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, September 25. The Neptune Association, consisting of American deck officers, has filed a suit in the Federal District Court, which will be heard on September 30, to test the constitutionality of the Anglo-American Liquor Treaty and Mr. Weeks' injunction, and to prevent the Cunard Line from bringing liquor within the United States jurisdiction. The suit requests the Court to compel the seizure of all liquor aboard British ships regardless of the Treaty, which is described as a violation of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Prohibition Act. The complaint alleges that in consequence of the Cunard ships being allowed to carry liquor, passengers prefer to travel thereby between America and Britain instead of on American vessels where prohibition is enforced and makes the operation of American vessels unprofitable.

FLOOD IN RUSSIA.

RISE OF NEVA.

SEVERE HAVOC CAUSED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Leningrad, September 25. Fifteen hundred deaths are recorded in the floods caused by the rise of the Neva which are the most disastrous since the great floods of 1824. Serious damage has been done to factories, the electricity station, the central aqueduct, telegraph office, zoological gardens, the university, the customs house and theatres.

The death toll is comparatively small owing to people having been warned and taking timely refuge in the upper storeys of their houses.

Troops, firemen and the students' corps are participating in salvage work. The electricity, telephone and telegraph services have been restored and a partial railway service is running. The railway service is normal. Free food kitchens for children have been opened.

The Neva is a river about 40 miles long flowing from Lake Ladoga to the Bay of Cronstadt, in the Gulf of Finland, passing through Leningrad. It carries to the sea an enormous volume of water. Its width varies from 4,000 feet to 180, and in places the navigation is embarrassed by reefs and rapids. It is frozen on an average from the end of November to the middle of April.

THEFT OF SUGAR.

FIVE ACCUSED FOUND GUILTY.

TWO ACQUITTED.

The case in which seven Chinese were charged on remand with stealing 110 bags of sugar from the China Sugar Refinery Co., and alternately with feloniously receiving the sugar—knowing it to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained on August 22, when being landed from the s.s. "Tjkarung," which brought the sugar from Java, was resumed at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindell, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. R. A. Wadson prosecuted. Mr. C. A. S. Rose appeared for the first, second and sixth defendants.

Mr. Leo D'Almeida represented the third, fifth and seventh defendants.

Mr. D. H. Blake conducted the defence of the fourth accused.

Leung Mui, mistress of cargo boat No. 1881, in the witness box, stated that she was at Hau Tak Wharf on August 22, when a shop coolie came up to engage her boat to convey 30 bags of sugar to a ship in harbour, the name of which she had forgotten. By the time all the sugar was loaded, it was about 5 p.m. The shop coolie said it was too late to go off to the ship. As the weather was bad at the time, she suggested to the shop coolie that they should proceed with the cargo of sugar to Causeway Bay for the night, to which the shop coolie agreed. The sugar was on board when the police came later that night. She did not count the number of bags of sugar that were loaded on her boat, but about 30 to 40 bags were conveyed to her boat in two trips by two trucks.

After further statements had been heard for the defence, the Magistrate found five of the seven defendants guilty.

The first was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to three months' hard labour. The second, third and fourth were convicted of receiving and were sentenced to three months' hard labour. The fifth and sixth defendants were discharged. The seventh was also found guilty of receiving and sentenced to two months' hard labour. The boats will be returned to the defendants after their release from prison.

KING OF SIAM.

ON HIS FIRST TRIP ABROAD.

VISIT TO SINGAPORE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, September 25. The King of Siam arrived here by train from Bangkok, after an inspection of the Siamese and Malayan Railways.



He starts on his homeward journey via Kuala Lumpur and Penang on Monday.

This is the first occasion he has left Siam since his accession to the throne.

ANGLO-GERMAN TREATY.

BREAKDOWN NOT FINAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, September 25. Reuter learns authoritatively in London that the breakdown of the conversations at Berlin is not regarded as final. The conversations were of a preliminary character to enable the respective representatives to prepare a full report on the possibilities of drawing up a final Anglo-German commercial treaty. Neither side had authority to pledge its Government to any particular course.

Mr. Fournier, the Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trade, proceeded to Berlin last Saturday merely to assist the British Embassy. The conversations began on Monday and were not expected to last more than three days at the outside.

Y.M.C.A.

COMING EVENTS.

A Debate on the question: "Resolved, That War is Unnecessary and that All Disputes Between Nations be Settled by Arbitration" will engage the attention of the English Debating Club of the Y.M.C.A. at its meeting this evening at 7.45 o'clock in the social room. Four debaters will argue pro and con and others may participate. All English-speaking young men are invited.

Volunteers' Conference: All Association committeemen and other volunteer workers are requested to attend the conference especially for them to be held to-morrow afternoon at Mr. Ho Wing-cheung's residence, 61 Robinson Road. The time will be from 2.30 to 6 o'clock. Important matters concerning the work of the Association will engage the attention of the workers.

"The Bible and National Growth" will be the subject of a special address to be given in the auditorium to-morrow evening, 27th, at 7.30 o'clock by Mr. J. Bush. This presentation of literature masterpieces should be heard by all of our members. No man without any regard for all that is highest and best in life should ignore the Bible, the Word of God.

Mr. Bush is a Hongkong business man, formerly editor of the "Peking Leader," a deep student of many affairs, an extensive traveller and an able speaker.

Gymnasium and Swimming classes for both boys and young men, business men and students are beginning their schedules this week in the physical department. Special lessons for non-swimmers will be held in the pool during the next three Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9 o'clock. All men who cannot swim are urged to join this class. Entries for a swimming test for both boys and men will be received at the office until October 6. Any member may take part in this test. A hexathlon contest for both boys and men will take place on September 29 and continue on October 2 and 3. Whether or not you class yourself as an athlete you are invited to take part in the hexathlon.

Anti-Opium.—The war against the use of opium for other than medical purposes is being waged throughout the world and the Anti-Opium Society is planning an active campaign for China. The churches and all Christian forces will concentrate next Sunday, in presenting to the public some expressions why everybody should help exterminate this great evil. At 8 o'clock that evening in the Y.M.C.A. Association auditorium a special meeting for men will be held to discuss the question of opium. All of our members are invited. Dr. Chan Wai-cheung and Mr. Sung Hok-pang will speak.

THE REAL RUSSIA.

TERRORS OF BOLSHEVIK RULE.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS' ATTITUDE.

London, August 5.—An illuminating account of the conditions existing in Russia under the Soviet régime was given by Mr. A. Baikaloff at the annual conference of the Social Democratic Federation, held at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, Mr. W. Cluse, M.P., presiding. The Bolshevists, said Mr. Baikaloff, were a danger, not only to Russia, but to the whole of Europe. They were doing everything to prevent an agreement on reparations or the pacification of Europe. A delegate to the conference said they in England were indebted to the Bolshevists for their "experiment," without considering the outrages they had committed, but another retorted that Bolshevism was an outrage, and that the Bolshevists were only hindering the cause of the workers. Before the discussion ended, the chairman declared that the federation would carry on its propaganda against Bolshevism.

Mr. A. Baikaloff said he was thankful to be given the opportunity of putting the case for Russian Socialism before a gathering of English Socialists. In Russia conditions had not improved since last year, and 55 per cent. of the workshops and factories remained closed. Wages were low and were rendered worse by the high cost of commodities. Housing and sanitary conditions were more horrible than ever, and unemployment was worse, 25 per cent. of the workers being unable to obtain work. He believed that they would soon read in the papers of the horrors of another Russian famine. The principles of Socialism and democracy were being trampled under foot, and the people were deprived of the rights which were essential to a civilised country. The Socialists were being more bitterly persecuted under the Soviet Government than they had in the time of the Tsar. Thousands of Socialists were in prisons and concentration camps, and the Soviet seemed determined to exterminate Russian Socialism. The Bolshevists were selling the resources of Russia to the highest bidder. They were a danger not only to Russia, but to the whole of Europe, and they were doing everything to prevent an agreement on reparations or the pacification of Europe. In the month of June fifty-nine persons were sentenced to death, and in seventeen days of July thirty-five people were similarly sentenced. There were 50,000 Socialists in Russian prisons, and 200,000 had been deported and exiled.

Replying to questions, Mr. Baikaloff said that most of the death sentences had been carried out, but some had succeeded in escaping on appeal. The people who were being executed were intellectuals, business people and workers, and few of them belonged to the old possessing classes. The principal charge brought against these people was espionage; and the Bolshevists had invented a new crime—economic espionage. He understood that some of the Communists had protested against these atrocities.

A Delegate: We are told that the Soviet Government has made a wonderful improvement in education. Is that so?

Mr. Baikaloff: They have done it on paper. (Laughter.) The fact is that the number of people who cannot read or write has increased enormously. The works of Tolstoy and other great writers are taken out of the libraries and burned, and only Communist literature is allowed.

"A GREAT EXPERIMENT." Mr. Maclean (Bursley) said that the Bolshevists had made a great experiment, and they in England were indebted to them without considering the outrages they had committed. If the Bolshevist experiment failed, it would show that the bold step the Bolshevists had taken was right.

Councillor Killip (West Ham) said he hoped that would not go out as an expression of opinion from the meeting. Bolshevism was not an experiment; it was an imposition. (Cheers.) These people were only hindering the cause of the workers. It should go forth from that meeting that the Social Democratic Federation had no liking for and no desire to be associated in any possible way, political or social, with the Communist party in Great Britain or with the Soviet Republic. (Cheers.)

Mr. E. J. Pay, National Organiser, observed that he had suffered more from malevolent and irrelevant criticism from adherents of the Communists and Bolshevists than anybody in the Socialist Government. The Social Democratic Federation should let it go forth.

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Captain Alexander Campbell, who is well-known on the Wuchow run, is her captain and the On Tai S.S. Co. are owners. The "Fook On" starts her regular run on Sunday, (September 27) and will soon become a popular unit of the Hongkong-Wuchow fleet of vessels. It is interesting to note that the "Fook On" was built by her owners.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"THE FIVE DOLLAR BABY."

"The Five Dollar Baby," starring charming Viola Dana is to be seen here for the first time to-day, at the Queen's Theatre. It is a screen version by Metro of Irvin S. Cobb's story in the "Saturday Evening Post." All the human appeal of the book story has been taken into the film.

Miss Dana was seldom more mirth-provoking. As a rough and ready child of thirteen, brought up by a Jewish pawnbroker who comes by her as a babe in most unique circumstances, she is very amusing in the earlier scenes of the play. When she is eighteen, her guardian is called upon to return her—as a pledge on which interest has always been paid—for \$5, the sum originally lent, plus interest. How the old man contrives to keep the girl he has come to love better than his money-bags and now the girl assists him, makes a very touching story, brimful of interest and surprise.

from that conference that they had not a shred of sympathy with Bolshevist methods.

Mr. Baikaloff remarked that the Socialist Press was being "doped" by the Bolshevist propaganda. They have plenty of money to do it with," he said, "while we are as poor as church-mice."

The Chairman said that the Social Democratic Federation would continue to carry on its propaganda against Bolshevism, which had been their policy since the war. (Cheers.)

The Executive Committee brought forward a resolution urging the Government to prepare at once a statement of constructive policy with regard to unemployment, in which agriculture, housing, afforestation, and development of electric power should be taken in hand by the State, not only as a means of organising the labour of those out of work, but as a step towards providing the country with important national utilities which would be of the greatest service and benefit to future generations.

Councillor Killip declared that by the size of the grants that were being given in relief in West Ham, Poplar, &c., a new parasitic class was being created. (Cheers.) If the Labour party were prevented by the Tories and the Liberals from putting the unemployed problem on a sound and scientific basis, they should take their courage in both hands and appeal to the country. (Cheers.)

The resolution was carried.

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Major-General John L. Hines, Deputy Chief of Staff, who will succeed General John J. Pershing as Chief of Staff, when the latter General retires. General Hines has been the virtual Chief of Staff for the past six months, since General Pershing has been abroad.



Major Edward E. Metcalf, equerry to the Prince of Wales, who went to the United States to take charge of the horses that the Prince, as Lord Renfrew, used while on his American visit. The Major is an officer of cavalry and a polo player with a reputation won in India.

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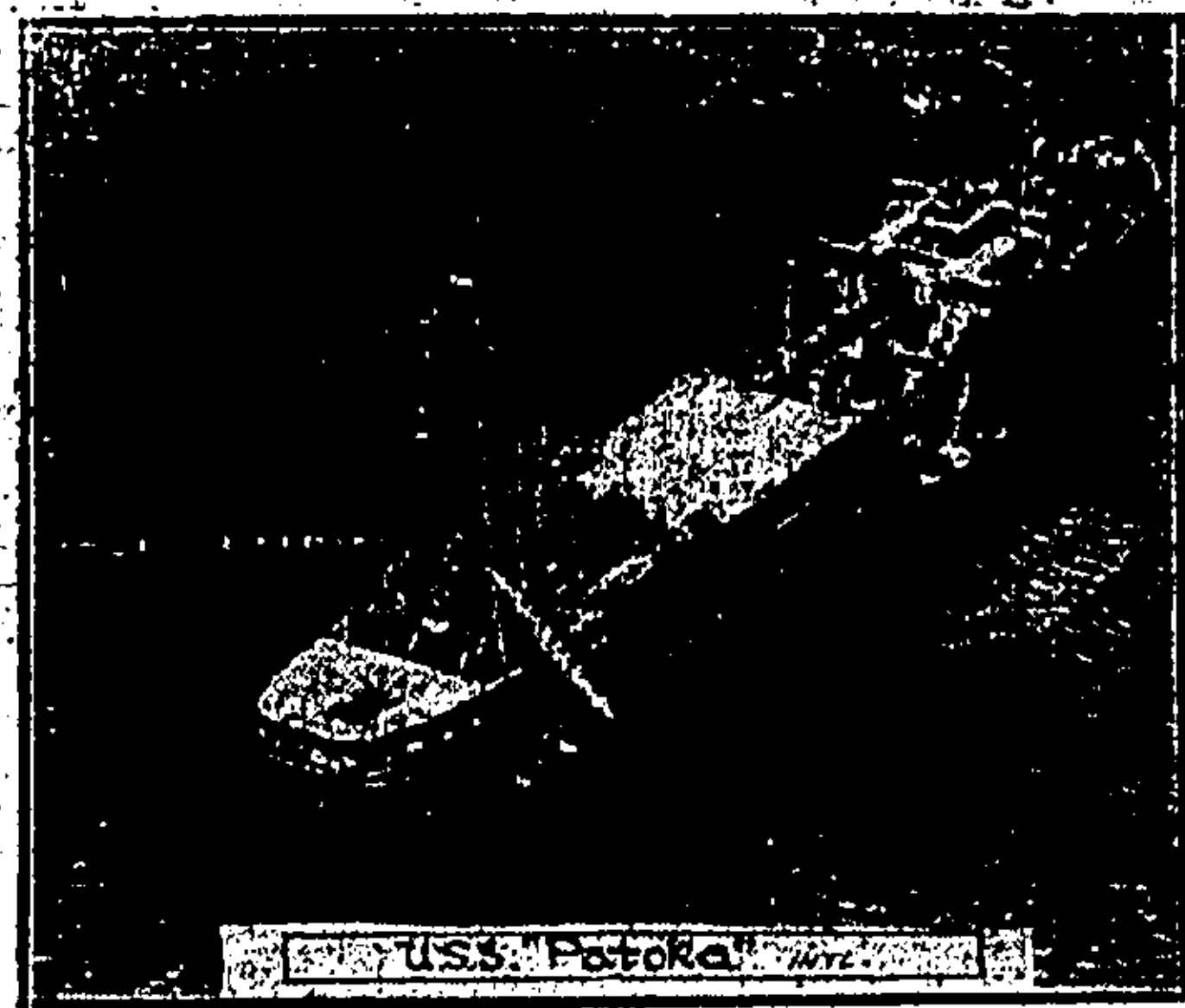
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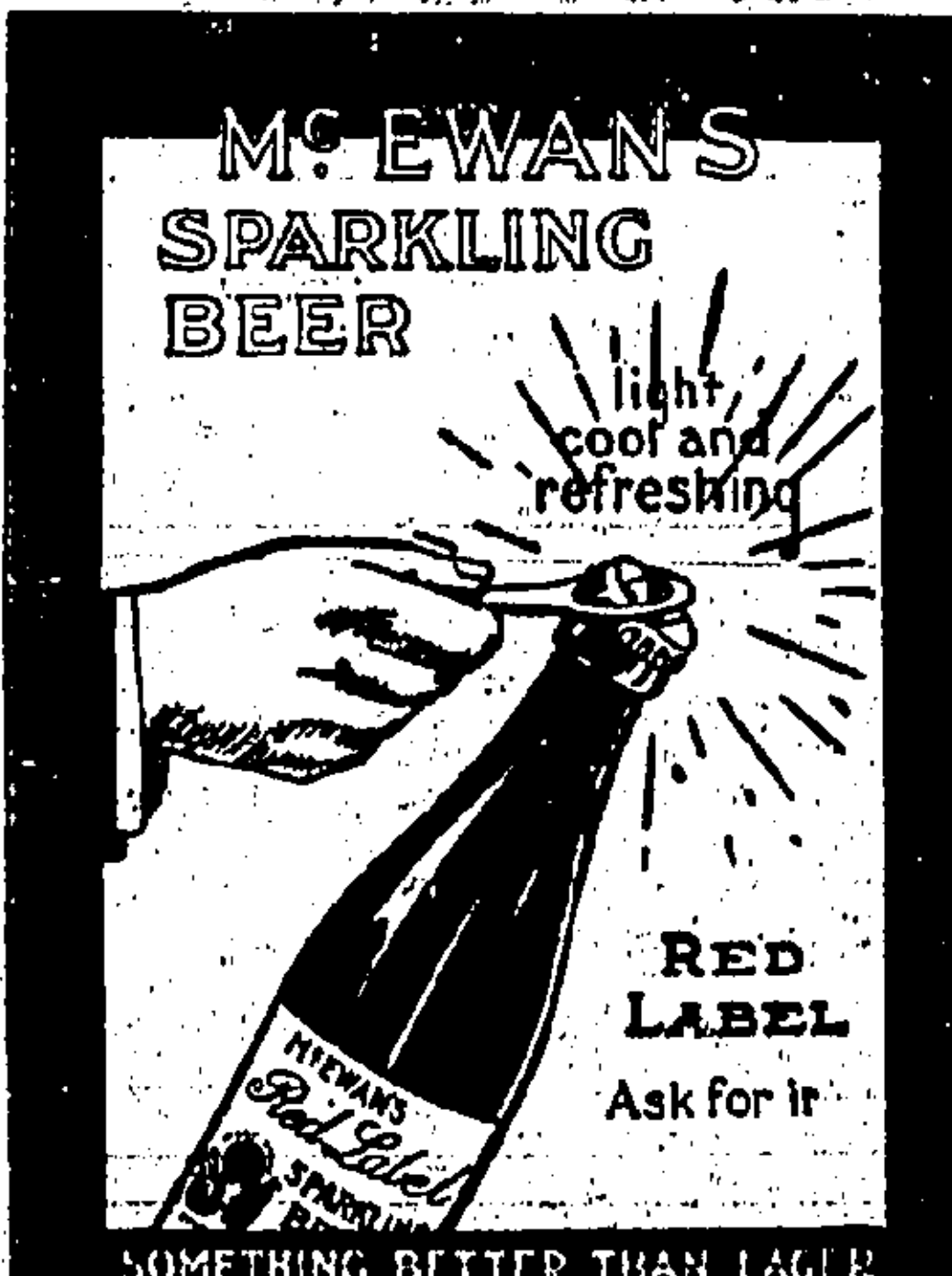
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Courtenay Crocker, who has sailed for Siam to take up his duties as advisor to King Rama VI. He succeeds Dr. Francis B. Sayre, son-in-law of the late President Wilson. Dr. Sayre is to do some special work for Siam in the United States.



New portrait photo, taken in their home in Washington, of Mrs. Robert N. LaFollette, wife of the Wisconsin Senator and Progressive candidate for President of the United States. Mrs. LaFollette has always been of great aid to her husband's political career and probably will make campaign speeches. And she may be the next hostess of the White House.

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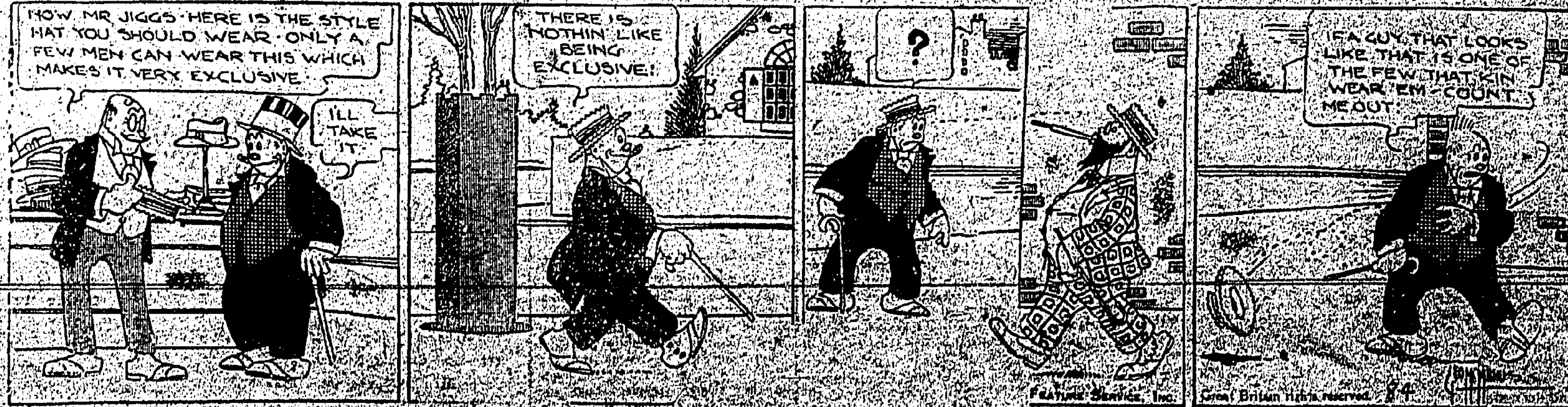
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The anticyclone is now central between Chefoo and Shanghai. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., to-day, 0.04 inch. Total since January 1st, 87.90 inches, against an average of 74.55 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on September 27, 1924.

1.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, fresh.

2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks, E. winds, fresh to moderate; fair.

3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock, E. winds, fresh to moderate; fair.

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Station	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level	Temperature	Humidity	Direction of Wind	Force	Remarks
Victoria	5 a.m.	29.88	78	85	SW	2	
Yancho	5 a.m.	29.88	78	85	SW	2	
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Yancho	7 a.m.	29.88	78	85	SW	2	
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Yancho	9 a.m.	29.88	78	85	SW	2	
Yancho	10 a.m.	29.88	78	85	SW	2	
Yancho	11 a.m.	29.88	78	85	SW	2	
Yancho	12 m.	29.88	78	85	SW	2	
Yancho	1 p.m.	29.88	78	85	SW	2	
Yancho	2 p.m.	29.88	78	85	SW	2	
Yancho	3 p.m.	29.88	78	85	SW	2	
Yancho	4 p.m.	29.88	78	85	SW	2	
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